



Regional Service Council Minutes Region 9

Meeting Date: 2.28.14
Meeting Location: Avon Town Hall
6570 E. US Hwy 36
Avon, IN 46123

Council Members Present:

Char Burkett-Sims – Region 9 Regional Manager
Rhett Stuard (proxy for Pat Baldwin) – Hendricks County Prosecutor
Jaclyn Allemon – Director, Boone County DCS
Taren Duncan – Director, Morgan County
Joanie Crum – Director, Montgomery County DCS
Sumiko Shuminsky – FCS Supervisor
Tiffany Stewart – Supervisor, Montgomery County DCS
Rhonda Allen – Director, Hendricks County DCS
Bridgett Morales – Foster Parent

Guests Present:

Hong Phuc Nguyen – Regional Services Coordinator
Jon Bennett – Children's Bureau
Holly McFadden – Children's Bureau – Community Partners
Becky McClure – CASA, Boone County
Joanna Habegger – Community partners
David Reed – The Villages
Julie Ensinger – Columbus Behavioral Center
Christa Detzel – Cummins BHS
Vanessa Pataky – Cummins BHS
Rebecca Ray – Cummins Behavioral Health
Tawanda Dent – Choices, Inc.
Terry Suttle – Acadia Healthcare
Marcie Sattler – Families First
Brett Ratcliff – Family Interventions

Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 9:00 AM

Meeting Minutes from 12.13.13:

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the last meeting on 12.13.13. All members present voted in favor of accepting the minutes.

Financial Report:

The projection shows that we are over budget. It is not clear at this time where to go for a solution. Other regions are experiencing this as well.

Foster Care Update:

A new Foster Care Specialist was hired within the region, Harmony Jensen. The plan is picking up steam and we are seeing better outcomes, the Foster Care Specialists are doing detailed assessments / plans and looking at caregiver needs and how we are addressing. The hope is to have better outcomes with foster homes and relative care.

Community Partners Update:

New Director – Holly McFadden.

There have been 771 referrals, and increase from last year. If there are any organizations that you feel they need to connect with, let Community Partners know. Self referrals have been the best referrals with the best outcomes. A handout was provided with the services standards / outcomes discussed. They have met 10 out of the 12 services standards. Material relief fund was also included with the county breakdown.

The 6th annual Provider Fair will be on May 9th, 2014. Invitations will be sent out.

Mental Health Initiative Update:

This program is evolving. We are still working on ways to bridge the gap with Medicaid eligibility.

DCS staff provided feedback and discussion for the Region:

Lack of knowledge in the community.

Criteria is high to be able to provide services – many children won't meet the criteria – then what?

When to establish program and what Medicaid covers.

Getting important people to the table to discuss service gaps.

Tracking per child – identifying children that don't meet the criteria.

BDDS and DCS having conversations trying to collaboratively provide services – this is an area that we don't have enough services.

Damar is making changes – hope to see soon, but they have ceased some of the services for now.

There is a program being developed in Carmel similar to Damar.

Children have been denied and it needs to be discussed about why and what can we do for these children.

Comprehensive Home Based services and Family Centered Treatment:

Highly intensive services through Lifeline, all in one package for families. Each worker can only carry 5 cases at a time. There is one slot available in our region. There are 4 stages - The focus is on the root of the problem and the underlying issues. If the worker is following the model correctly, this should be addressed within 6 months and at transition can continue with other services.

RFP – Will not be opening up a new RFP. Dynamics of providers has changed. We can use existing providers as needed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 AM

Next Meeting Date: Friday, April , 2014

Time: 9:00 AM

Meeting Location: Avon Town Hall